



Fact Sheet



Friday, July 11, 2008
7:00 AM

MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Media Only Fire Information Number: 707-467-2520

Public Fire Information Number: 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has consumed 52,290 acres and is 65% contained. There are 38 active fires and 89 contained fires. Continued threats remain a possibility to communities and critical infrastructure. Active burning continues on several fires. Firefighters continue to be challenged by extreme fire weather conditions and steep, inaccessible terrain. A "Red Flag Warning" has been extended through tonight at 10 p.m. for hot and dry weather conditions. Additional evacuation "Warnings" and/ or "Orders" may be issued. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations are being conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Numerous fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

Evacuations

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Mountain View Road from Mile Post 15 to Mile Post 20
- Community of Rockport
- Red Mountain Road - From the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road to 13600 Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road – From Hwy 101 to the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road.
- The Community of Cummings
- Town of Leggett
- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

Evacuation Centers

- ***Placed on Standby***-Fort Bragg High School, 300 Dana Street, Ft. Bragg. Phone: 707-813-0345 (New)
- ***Placed on Standby***-Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Willits. Phone: 707-486-8674
- Large animals (A call must be made prior to delivering animals)
 - Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah. 707-462-3884. After business hours: 707-972-8340
 - Albion Headlands, Albion. 650-322-1070.
 - Covelo Rodeo Grounds, 22335 S. Airport Covelo Road, Covelo. 272-2966 and 983-6860
- Small animals can be taken to the Mendocino Animal Care and Control Ukiah Shelter. After business hours: 707-272-4337.

Road Conditions

- Mountain View Road - Between Signal Ridge and Mile Post 14.04 – Closed to all traffic except Fire Department, Law Enforcement and critical incident resources (i.e. utility companies, CalTrans, County Roads, etc.) until further notice.

Resources

- Engines: 165 Crews: 57 Helicopters: 14 Water Tenders: 66 Dozers: 26
Overhead: 340 Total Personnel: 2,092 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 3

Incident Facts

- Incident Size: 52,290 Acres
- Contained: 65%
- Injuries to date: 38
- Fatalities to date: 1
- Residences Threatened: 335
- Residences Destroyed: 2
- Number of Active Fires: 38
- Total Number of Fires: 127
- Estimated Costs to Date: \$30,650,000

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